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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: CPC 18TH SESSION, FIRST

PART: EVALUATION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN
AFFAIRS. USDEL REPORT #10

1. ON JUNE 2 COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION
INTERRUPTED CONSIDERATION OF THE JIU REPORT
ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TO PERMIT ASYG HELVI SIPILA TO
INTRODUCE THE INTERNAL EVALUATION OF THE UN SECRETARIAT'S
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS PROGRAM
(E/AC.51/91/ADD.2 (PARTS I, II, III).

2. MS. SIPILA NOTED THIS WAS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE
REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM EVER DONE; IT HAD ALREADY BEEN OF
USE TO THE SECRETARIAT IN HELPING IT REASSIGN PERSONNEL
IN ORDER TO FACILITATE RESTRUCTURING. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT THE CUMULATIVE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY (PART II) WAS
MASSIVE AND DISCURSIVE AND THAT WHILE IT PROVIDED A BASIS
FOR CONSOLIDATION NO ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO PREPARE
OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS. SHE REQUESTED THE CPC TO APPOINT
SOMEONE TO WORK WITH AND GUIDE THE SECRETARIAT ON THAT
PROJECT.

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3. MS. SIPILA DWELLED AT SOME LENGTH ON THE CUTS IN THE
PROGRAM THAT HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED BY CPC IN 1977
(EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ESDP), AND VARIOUS
ACTIVITIES RELATING TO YOUTH, AGING, AND CRIME--SEE
PARA 23 OF A/32/38). SHE RECALLED THAT ESDP HAD BEEN
SET UP WITH SUPPORT IN THE UN OFFICE IN GENEVA BECAUSE
YEARS AGO MEMBERS OF ECE HAD OBJECTED TO INCLUSION OF

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE PURELY ECONOMIC COMMISSION. SHE SAID THIS DID NOT INDICATE ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE WHICH RECEIVED LESS FUNDS THAN THE OTHER AREAS WHERE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS INCORPORATED IN THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. SHE SAID THAT THE 32ND UNGA HAD DEFERRED ACTION ON CPC'S PROPOSED PROGRAM TRANSFERS AND REDUCTIONS (RES 32/206) AND SAID THAT THE 6TH PLANNING CONFERENCE OF ESDP HAD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A STATEMENT TO UN SYG AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF ESDP'S WORK BOTH TO EUROPE AND THE REST OF THE WORLD AND DECLARING IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS A UN ACTIVITY AND REINFORCED. SHE ASSERTED THAT THERE WAS NOW NO NEED TO MAKE ANY OF THE CUTS RECOMMENDED IN 1977 SINCE THE ACABQ LAST YEAR HAD CUT THE PROGRAM ENOUGH TO BRING IT WITHIN THE RECOMMENDED GROWTH RATE.

4. CHAIRMAN OF CPC (DENMARK) REBUTTED MS SIPILA'S SUGGESTION THAT THE PROPOSED CUSTS HAD BEEN ONLY TO BRING OVERALL GROWTH RATE INTO LINE AND SAID THEY HAD BEEN PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMITTEE, IN LIGHT OF RESOLUTION 32/206, SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE PROPOSALS. INDIA AND USSR BOTH DEMURRED SAYING THERE WAS NO NEED; THE ACTION WAS STILL WITH THE UNGA WHICH HAD NOT ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION. UK ASKED THAT FULL TEXT OF ESDP UNCLASSIFIED

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STATEMENT BE CIRCULATED TO COMMITTEE.

5. FOLLOWING ACERBIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN ARGENTINA, WHICH OBJECTED TO LACK OF SPANISH TEXT FOR PARTS II AND III OF REPORT, AND THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY, A FEW INTRODUCTORY POINTS WERE RAISED RE CONTENT.

6. UK QUERIED HIGH PROPORTION OF RESOURCES ALLOTTED TO PROGRAM FORMULATION AND MANAGEMENT (TABLE P. 13) AND WAS TOLD IT INCLUDED SUCH ACTIVITIES AS MANAGEMENT OF THE WOMEN'S DECADE FUND. UK ALSO REQUESTED, AS AID TO CPC'S CONSIDERATION, EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS IT CONTAINED.

7. NETHERLANDS NOTED THE REPORT WAS LIMITED TO DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITIES OF CENTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND REQUESTED A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE.

8. SEVERAL MEMBERS SPOKE AROUND THE QUESTION OF PREPARING FORMAL CONSOLIDATED MANDATES FOR THE

PROGRAM, THE UK WONDERING IF IT WAS NECESSARY
SINCE INFORMAL AND AD HOC CONSOLIDATION WAS ALWAYS AN
OPTION FOR THE SECRETARIAT. BELGIUM NOTED THAT ANY
TIME CPC TRIED TO CONSOLIDATE RESOLUTIONS IT GOT
ATTACKED AT ALL LEVELS. PAKISTAN ENDORSED BELGIUM'S
POSITION.

9. CONSIDERATION OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT
WILL RESUME AFTER COMPLETION OF REVIEW OF THE JIU
REPORT ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE. YOUNG

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